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SUBJECT: CODEL BALLENGER

1. REP. CASS BALLENGER, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS' (HIRC), SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE,
WILL LEAD A CODEL ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS TO VENEZUELA APRIL
26-28. THE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT IS TO DISCUSS WITH

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VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ,
RECENT EVENTS AND THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
VENEZUELA AND THE U.S. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE CODEL
WILL TRAVEL VIA MILAIR. LTC. MIKE SHUP, USMC, WILL ESCORT
THE CODEL AND MAY BE CONTACTED AT (WK) 202/225-7719.
THE REQUEST COUNTRY CLEARANCE AND A THREAT ASSESSMENT. A
TENTATIVE COMPOSITION FOLLOWS:

MEMBERS:
REP. CASS BALLENGER (R-NC) AND SPOUSE (DONNA)
REP. WILLIAM DELAHUNT (D-MA)
SEN. LINCOLN CHAFEE (R-RI)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ALAN H FLANIGAN
DATE/CASE ID: 18 JUN 2007 200504156

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STAFF:
MR. CALEB MCCARRY, STAFF DIRECTOR, HIRC/WHEM
MR. PAUL OOSTBUG SANZ, HIRC DEMOCRATIC PROFESSIONAL

STAFF MEMBER

2. TENTATIVE ITINERARY/AGENDA:

(STILL BEING FORMULATED)

ARRIVAL TIME IN CARACAS 2:45 P.M. LOCAL

CODEL REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ
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DEFENSE MINISTER JOSE RANGEL

CARLOS ORTEGA

CARDINAL IGNACIO VELAZCO

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AS RECOMMENDED BY POST

3. CODEL REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING THE SERVICES OF AN INTERPRETER AS NEEDED AND ACCOMMODATIONS AT SUITABLE HOTELS WITHIN PER DIEM. REQUEST PER DIEM (BOTH M&IE AND LODGING) BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO EACH MEMBER OF THE CODEL SO THAT THEY MAY SETTLE THEIR OWN BILLS. PLEASE CONFIRM HOTEL SOONEST WITH NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE AND FAX NUMBERS AND A DAILY RATE IN USDOLS. ALSO, DESIGNATE A POINT OF CONTACT (OFC/HM TELS) TO ASSIST WITH VISIT AND COORDINATE DISBURSEMENT OF PER DIEM.

4. REQUEST COST ESTIMATES BE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE FOR COST TO BE INCURRED ON BEHALF OF THE CODEL. THIS INCLUDES ESTIMATES FOR TRANSPORTATION, CONTROL ROOMS, EQUIPMENT RENTAL, EMBASSY OVERTIME, ETC. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL SUCH COSTS MUST BE PRE-AUTHORIZED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

5. AUTHORIZATION (BALLENGER/DELAHUNT/MCCARRY/SANZ): REF 01 STATE 017811, CHARGE HOUSE APPROPRIATION 00X0488.1-2089-210134, SUB-OBJECTS 2166/2167/2168 AS APPROPRIATE. FOR EACH NIGHT SPENT IN-COUNTRY, DISBURSE THE MAXIMUM USG PER DIEM RATE IN USD EQUIVALENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE MONTHLY FTR, PLUS USDE 50 FOR ACTUAL COSTS, TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER OFFICIAL EXPENSES INCLUDING INTERPRETERS AS NEEDED,
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AUTHORIZED BALLINGER/DELAHUNT/MCCARRY/SANZ (04/26-28) BY
THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. SPOUSES AND
DOD ESCORTS ARE NOT/NOT AUTHORIZED CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING.

ONLY THE MIE RATE IS AUTHORIZED WHEREVER GOVERNMENT
HOUSING OR PRIVATE LODGING IS PROVIDED.)

6. AUTHORIZATION (CHAFEE): REF 01 STATE 017811, CHARGE
SENATE APPROPRIATION 00X0188.1-2089-219089, SUB-OBJECTS
2166/2167/2168 AS APPROPRIATE. FOR EACH NIGHT SPENT IN-
COUNTRY, DISBURSE THE MAXIMUM USG PER DIEM RATE IN USD
EQUIVALENT AS ESTABLISHED IN THE MONTHLY FTR, PLUS USDE 50
FOR ACTUAL COSTS, TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING LOCAL
TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER OFFICIAL EXPENSES, AUTHORIZED
CHAFEE (04/26-28) BY THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE. ONLY THE MIE RATE IS AUTHORIZED WHEREVER
GOVERNMENT HOUSING OR PRIVATE LODGING IS PROVIDED.)

7. IT IS REQUESTED THAT A REPORT OF ALL COSTS INCURRED ON
BEHALF OF THE CODEL BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO THE COMMITTEE
ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THE REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE
DISBURSEMENTS FOR PER DIEM, TRANSPORTATION, CONTROL ROOMS
EQUIPMENT RENTAL, EMBASSY OVERTIME, ETC. PLEASE SEND VIA
FAX TO 202-225-2035, TO THE ATTENTION OF JO WEBER, TRAVEL
COORDINATOR, HIRC, WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF CODEL'S DEPARTURE.
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